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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Plans  
Deputy Director for Support  
✓ Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Agency Five-Year ADP Plan

1. The rapid expansion in Agency use of computers and automatic data processing, their vital importance in the accomplishment of many Agency tasks, and the cost of their use, required an Agency-wide review of where we have been and where we are going in this field. The accompanying Agency Five Year ADP Plan is a first step in this effort. The principal findings and recommendations of this report require careful implementation.

2. The ingenuity with which we have used computer technology to improve the intelligence product and operations is to be commended. Too often in the past we have not considered the future ADP requirements of new collection, analysis, and information systems. Like building space these resources are not free goods although the system designer is often not obligated to furnish the computers, computer programs, and personnel necessary for system implementation. Our management and operation of ADP must be characterized by an open and explicit approach in which objectives, alternatives and milestones are clearly defined, and assumptions, calculations, costs and judgments are specified. The high objectivity and professionalism which characterize our intelligence assessment, must apply to our ADP efforts.

3. This plan and its subsequent revisions shall constitute a basic guide to ADP development in the Agency rather than an authorization of specific resources. We shall undertake ADP projects enumerated in this plan within resource limits approved in the annual planning, programming and budget cycle. ADP projects or equipment not enumerated in this plan will only be undertaken after review and approval by this office.

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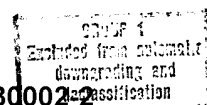
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